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NOTICE

This is a notice regarding your request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 filed December 8, 2010.

On September 1, 1998, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held that 37 CFR 1.28(c) is the sole provision governing the time for correction of the erroneous payment of the issue fee as a small entity. See **DH Technology v. Synergystex International, Inc.** 154 F.3d 1333, 47 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. Sept. 1, 1998).

The Office no longer investigates or rejects original or reissue applications under 37 CFR 1.56. **1098 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 502 (January 3, 1989)**. Therefore, nothing in this Notice is intended to imply that an investigation was done.

Your fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 is hereby **DISMISSED**.

The request under 37 CFR 1.28 cannot be accepted at this time since it appears that the petition is not signed by a person having authority to act in the above-identified patent.

Petitioner's attention is directed to 37 CFR 1.33(b), which states.

Amendments and other papers, except for written assertions pursuant to § 1.27(c)(2)(ii) of this part, filed in the application must be signed by:

- (1) A registered patent attorney or patent agent of record appointed in compliance with § 1.32(b);
- (2) A registered patent attorney or patent agent not of record who acts in a representative capacity under the provisions of § 1.34;
- (3) An assignee as provided for under §3.71(b) of this chapter; or

(4) All of the applicants (§ 1.41(b)) for patent, unless there is an assignee of the entire interest and such assignee has taken action in the application in accordance with § 3.71 of this chapter.

Accordingly, the request cannot be accepted until it is signed by all inventors, an attorney or agent registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office or the assignee of the entire interest under 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Currently, no records are found under the name Susanne M. Hopkins in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) database. In the request, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.28(c) filed December 8, 2010, Ms. Hopkins also gives a registration number that is not associated with her name.

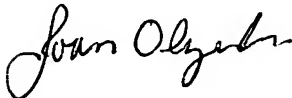
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